

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

D-1 JEFFREY M. SIX,

Case: 2:21-cr-20297

Assigned To : Friedman, Bernard A.

Referral Judge: Grand, David R.

Assign. Date : 5/3/2021

Description: INFO USA V. SIX (NA)

Defendant.

I N F O R M A T I O N

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

At all times relevant to this Information:

1. The Social Security Act of 1935 initiated the Federal and State Unemployment Insurance (UI) System, which is designed to provide benefits to persons who are out of work. The UI program is administered for the federal government by State Workforce Agencies (SWAs). State unemployment insurance systems and benefits are financed by state and

federal funds.

2. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, each of which was enacted in March 2020, expanded unemployment insurance for many workers by extending the duration and amount of benefits in certain situations.

3. To receive UI benefits, claimants are required to file claims with the appropriate SWA. Claimants typically file their claims on-line, via the internet at the respective SWA website.

4. Once a claim is accepted, the SWA will send UI benefits either weekly or bi-weekly to the claimant. California mails a debit card to the claimant once their claim is accepted. The claimant may use this card just as he would any other debit card. The card is reloaded with funds periodically, so long as the individual receives benefits. Nevada and New York provide benefits via wire transfer to an account designated by the claimant.

5. To continue receiving benefits, claimants are periodically required to verify with the state SWA that they are still unemployed. Claimants typically do so online, via the internet.

6. SWAs applications specifically ask claimants if they are receiving UI benefits from other states. Claimants are prohibited from collecting UI benefits from more than one state at the same time.
7. Claimants who become unemployed and qualify for UI benefits can file for UI from a state other than that in which they reside so long as wages were reported in the state where they claim benefits.

COUNT ONE
18 U.S.C. § 1343
Wire Fraud

THE SCHEME

8. From in or about March 2020, to in or about January 2021, in the Eastern District of Michigan, defendant JEFFREY M. SIX devised, intended to devise, and executed a scheme to defraud state workforce agencies in the states of California, Nevada, and New York, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises.

MANNER AND MEANS

9. It was part of the scheme to defraud that defendant JEFFREY M. SIX applied for unemployment income (UI) benefits from the states of

California, Nevada, and New York. SIX submitted applications online, from the Eastern District of Michigan, to state workforce agencies located in California, Nevada, and New York. In each application, SIX falsely represented that he had worked in the state and that he had not applied for, nor was he receiving, unemployment benefits from any other state.

10. Relying on the accuracy of the statements that SIX made in his applications, state workforce agencies in California, Nevada, and New York authorized unemployment insurance to be paid to SIX.

11. Thereafter, on a periodic basis, SIX provided information to the states of California, Nevada, and New York that he continued to meet the requirements for UI payments. SIX submitted all information online, in interstate commerce, from the Eastern District of Michigan to locations outside of the state of Michigan.

12. As a result of the false information that defendant JEFFREY M. SIX provided to SWAs, he received unemployment benefits in the following amounts to which he was not entitled:

California: \$ 7,404.00;

Nevada: \$23,446.00;

New York: \$10,712.00.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

(18. U.S.C. § 981 and 28 U.S.C. § 2461 – Criminal Forfeiture)

13. Upon being convicted of violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343 as alleged in this Information, defendant shall forfeit to the United States any property which constitutes, or is derived from, proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of such violation, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) together with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.

14. Substitute Assets: If the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of defendant:

- (a) Cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) Has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- (c) Has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- (d) Has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (e) Has been commingled with other property that cannot be subdivided without difficulty.

It is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461, to seek to forfeit any other property of defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described above.

15. Money Judgment: Upon being convicted of violating 18, United States Code, Section 1343, defendant shall be ordered to pay the United States a sum of money equal to the total amount of proceeds defendant obtained as a result of such violation.

Respectfully submitted,

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United States District Court Eastern District of Michigan	Criminal Case Cover Sheet	Case Number 2:21-cr-20297
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NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Assistant U.S. Attorney signing this form to complete it accurately in all respects.

Companion Case Information		Companion Case Number:
This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) ¹ :		Judge Assigned:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		AUSA's Initials:

Case Title: USA v. Jeffrey Six

County where offense occurred : Oakland

Check One: **Felony** **Misdemeanor** **Petty**

 Indictment/ Information --- **no** prior complaint.
 Indictment/ Information --- based upon prior complaint [Case number:]
 Indictment/ Information --- based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [*Complete Superseding section below*].

Superseding Case Information

Superseding to Case No: _____ **Judge:** _____

- Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.
- Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.
- Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

<u>Defendant name</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Prior Complaint (if applicable)</u>
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Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.

May 3, 2021
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